GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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National Service Scheme
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

a) the number of universities and colleges along with the number of students that are part of the National Service Scheme (NSS) in the country; and

b) the details of the activities undertaken by the students/participants as a part of the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

a) As on 31.03.2016, NSS had 3.66 million volunteers enrolled through 391 Universities/ +2 Councils, 16,278 Colleges/ Technical Institutions and 12,483 Senior Secondary Schools.
b) As per the structure of the NSS, each educational institution covered under the Scheme has at least one NSS unit normally comprising of 100 student volunteers, led by a teacher designated as Programme Officer. Each NSS unit adopts a village or slum for taking up its activities. Each NSS volunteer is required to put in
minimum 120 hours of community service per year for two years, i.e., total 240 hours. In addition, each volunteer is required to participate in a Special Camp of 7 days' duration, organised by the NSS unit, in the adopted village or urban slum. In addition to these core activities, NSS volunteers also participate in some other important activities like Republic Day Parade Camps, Adventure Camps, National Integration Camps and North East NSS Festivals, 'Suvichar' and 'Youth Convention' events during the National Youth Festival, Self-Defence Training for NSS Volunteers, Shramdaan etc.
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